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INTRODUCTION

If the wise man who preferred to write the songs of a nation to making its laws could have appointed song-makers for successive generations of children in every land, there might be to-day more people moved by "concord of sweet sounds," and fewer "fit for treason. stratagem, and spoils."

Those who are able to reach the heart of childhood through words, melody, and rhythm may always be counted among the wise who bring their gifts to the child. In order to write songs for children, it is necessary to "live with children," to know how to appeal to a child's feeling and understanding. Miss Danielson in her "Songs for Little People" shows a rare sympathy with the child-life and knowledge of its needs. The work is the result of her actual experience in teaching little ones and writing for them.

It is unique in its plan, including songs for every day and songs for Sunday, songs of one stanza for the wee ones, and songs for the older members of the class. The verses of the new songs are simple, childlike and poetic, and it is a real pleasure to find many of the classics of childhood included in the collection. The fine musical quality of the book is due to the original work of Miss Conant, and her renderings of selected melodies from many of the best composers. The list of authors and composers is a notable one.

One can heartily wish that this little book may reach many "little people" throughout the land.

LUCY WHERLOCK.

FOREWORD

The day is far past when anything was considered good enough for children, and the beginnings of reading and singing are now made the beginnings of literature and music. There is a growing conviction that to be suitable for them a poem need not be commonplace, nor a song ordinary. In preparing "Songs for Little People" the endeavor has been to make ε book of literary and musical value, that is yet perfectly simple and childlike.

The poems have been chosen not alone for their beauty of thought but for their beauty of expression, the best writers of child-verse being called upon to contribute, for words learned at this early stage, when they will be retained in the memory the entire life, should be such as will prove treasures, and not mental rubbish. The music, while simple, within the compass of children's voices, and rhythmical, has been selected with equal care. Melodies from the masters, foreign kindergarten music, old English, French, and German carols have been used, and the folk-songs of many lands, some of which are believed to be now published for the first time in this country.

The book is adapted to the kindergarten and primary grades of the Sunday-school, to the kindergarten, and the home. It is so arranged that the strictly religious portions, the hymns, Bible verses, songs for festival days, processionals, and offertories, come in the first half, and the nature songs, wee songs, motion songs, and music, in the last half. This will be found convenient by both Sunday-school teachers and kindergartners, although hymns and festival songs are much used in the kindergarten, and the modern Sunday-school teacher appreciates the value of nature and motion songs.

The special features are the revival of many of those choice old hymns which are indeed the heritage of childhood, and which have been in sore danger of passing; Bible verses set to simple music, a delightful way to learn Scripture; wee songs for the tiniest children, who cannot yet carry the thought over into a second stanza; and motion songs and music, that spiritualize the physical exercises necessary to insure quiet attention.

Sincere thanks are tendered to the authors and publishers who have so kindly permitted the use of poems and songs, and to the friends of little children, both in the Sunday-school and the kindergarten, who have shown interest in the progress of this book. It now remains for it to win its way to the hearts of the little people and to be given out to the world through their voices.

FRANCES WELD DANIELSON.
GRACE WILBUR CONANT.

THE NEW EDITION

This little song-book reappears, ten years since it was first issued, with thirty-six additional songs, both new and old, which have been carefully chosen to fill further needs expressed by teachers who have used it with little children. May this second edition meet with the cordial reception accorded the first.

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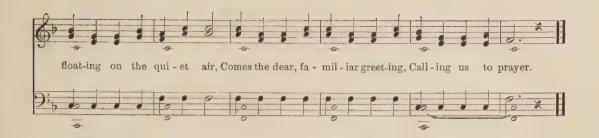


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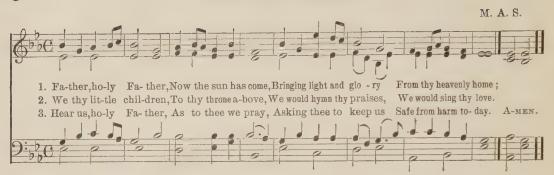


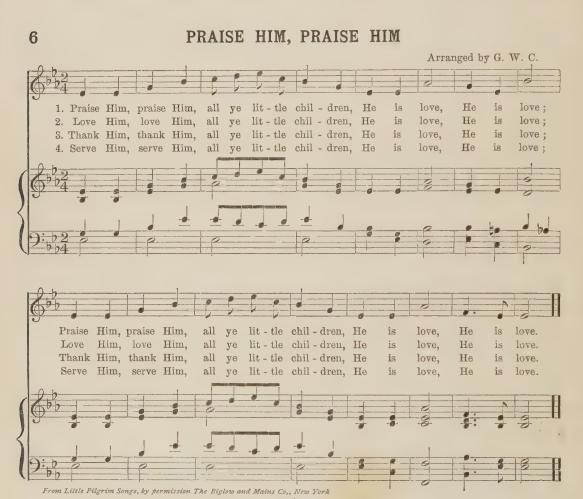
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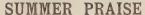
THY KINGDOM COME



- 3 Let the sweet and joyful story Of the Saviour's wondrous love, Wake on earth a song of glory, Like the angels' song above.
- 4 Father, send the glorious hour, Every heart be thine alone; For the kingdom and the power, And the glory are thine own.

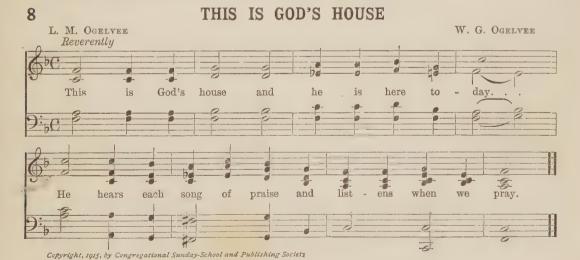








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- 3 And the clouds of trouble gather, and the stormy wind is heard, And the angry tempest rages wild and free; But there's shelter for the sparrow and the little humming-bird, And there's safety in His arms for me.
- 4 And the world is full of children, oh, so many and so fair!
 Like the sunbeams as they sparkle on the sea;
 But there's room for all the children in the Father's tender care,
 And there's room in his heart for me.



BABY MOSES







The cold winds in the winter,
 The pleasant summer sun,
 The ripe fruits in the garden,—
 He made them every one.

4 He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell The goodness of the Father, Who doeth all things well.



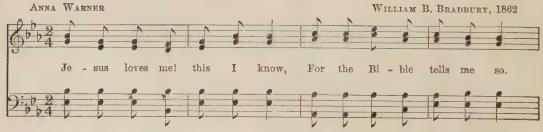


3 Jesus bids us shine
Then, for all around;
For many kinds of darkness,
In the world are found,—

Sin and want and sorrow;
So we must shine,
You in your small corner,
And I in mine.

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JESUS LOVES ME









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- 3 "Nay, nay, do not hinder me, Nathan, I feel such a burden of care;
 And if to the Master I tell it,
 That burden he'll help me to bear.
 If he lay but his hands on the children,
 My heart will be lighter, I know,
 For a blessing forever and ever
 Will follow them each as they gy."
- 4 So over the mountains of Judah,
 Along with the vines all so green,
 With Esther asleep on her bosom,
 And Rachel her brothers between,
 With the people who hung on his teaching,
 Or waited his touch or his word,
 Through the row of proud Pharisees hastening,
 She pressed to the feet of her Lord.
- 5 "Now why shouldst thou hinder the Master,"
 Said Peter, "with children like these?
 Thou knowst how from morn until evening
 He is teaching, and healing disease."
 Said Jesus, "Forbid not the children;
 Permit them to come unto me!"
 And he took in his arms little Esther,
 And Rachel he set on his knee.
- 6 The care-stricken heart of the mother
 Was lifted all sorrow above,
 His hands kindly laid on the children,
 He blest them with holiest love;
 And said of the babes on his bosom,
 "Of such is the kingdom of heaven;"
 And strength for all duty and trial
 That hour to her spirit was given.

21 LORD, WHO LOVEST LITTLE CHILDREN



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- 2 Thou who lived a holy child life, Help us to be pure like thee.
- 3 In our school-time and our playing, Make us gentle, Lord, like thee.
- 4 Thou didst live thy life for others, Make us helpful, Lord, like thee.
- 5 Thou on earth wast ever loving, Make us ever more like thee.

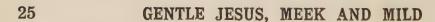


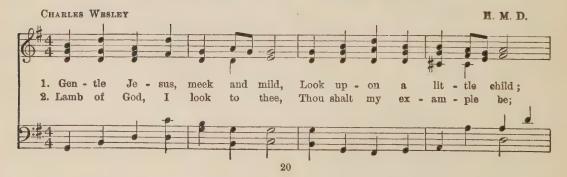
- 3 Thou hast promised to receive us,
 Poor and sinful though we be;
 Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
 Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 Early let us turn to thee.
- 4 Early let us seek thy favor;
 Early let us do thy will;
 Blessed Lord and only Saviour,
 With thy love our bosoms fill:
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 Thou hast loved us, love us still.





3 Thou, gracious Lord, our Shepherd art, Thy children here behold, And show the way, when we would stray, All safely to the fold.







- 3 Loving Jesus, gentle Lamb,
 In thy gracious hands I am;
 Make me, Saviour, what thou art,
 Live thyself within my heart.
- 4 I shall then show forth thy praise, Serve thee all my happy days; Then the world shall always see Christ, the holy Child, in me.

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LOVE'S LESSON



3 Teach me all thy steps to trace,Strong to follow in thy grace;Learning how to love from thee,Loving him who first loved me.

4 Thus may I rejoice to show

That I feel the love I owe;

Singing, till thy face I see,

Of his love who first loved me.



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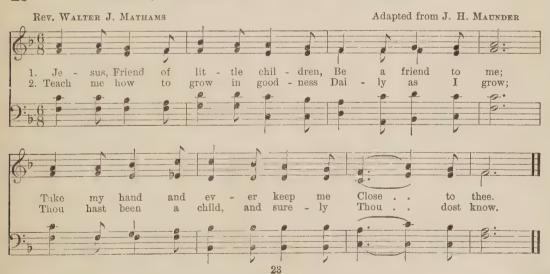
28 I THINK WHEN I READ





- 3 Yet still to his footstool in prayer I may go, And ask for a share in his love; And, if I now earnestly seek him below, I shall see him and hear him above,
- 4 In that beautiful place he has gone to prepare
 For all that are washed and forgiven;
 And many dear children are gathering there,
 "For of such is the kingdom of heaven."

29 JESUS, FRIEND OF LITTLE CHILDREN





3 So I ask thee to give me grace
My little place to fill,
That I may ever walk with thee,
And ever do thy will;
That in each duty, great or small,
I may be faithful still.

GOD, MAKE MY LIFE A LITTLE LIGHT



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- 3 God, make my life a little song,That comforteth the sad;That helpeth others to be strong,And makes the singer glad.
- 4 God, make my life a little staff,
 Whereon the weak may rest;
 That so what health and strength I have
 May serve my neighbor best.

THE CHILDREN'S SERVICE

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- 3 Each little star has its special ray, Each little beam has its place in the day, Each little river drop impulse and sway; Feather and Lower and songlet help too.
- 4 Each little child can some love-work find, Each little hand and each little mind, All can be gentle and useful and kind, Though they are little, like me and like you.

LORD OF THE SUNLIGHT



3 Jesus, give the weary
Calm and sweet repose,
With thy tenderest blessing
May our eyelids close.

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4 Grant to little children
Visions bright of thee;
Guard the sailors tossing
On the deep blue sea.

5 Through the long night-watches
May thine angels spread
Their white wings above me,
Watching round my bed.

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A - MEN.

6 When the morning wakens, Then may I arise Pure and fresh and sinless In thy holy eyes.

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GRACE WILBUR CONANT

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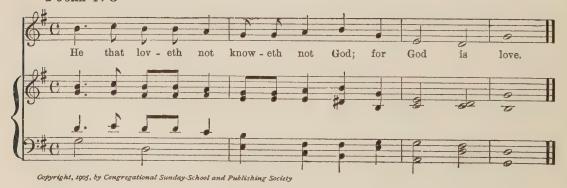
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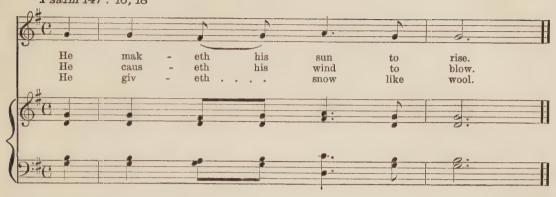






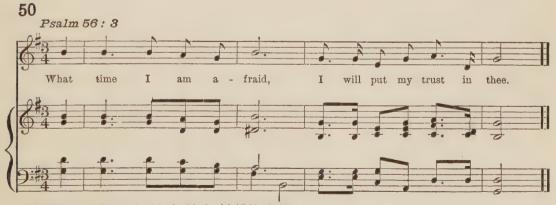


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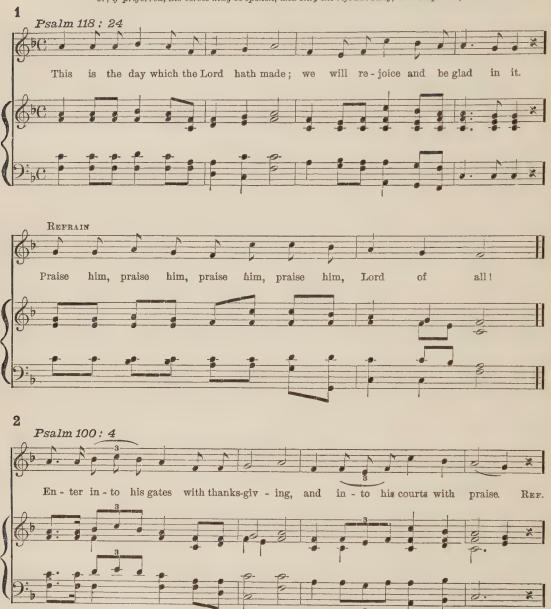




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A CHORUS OF PRAISE

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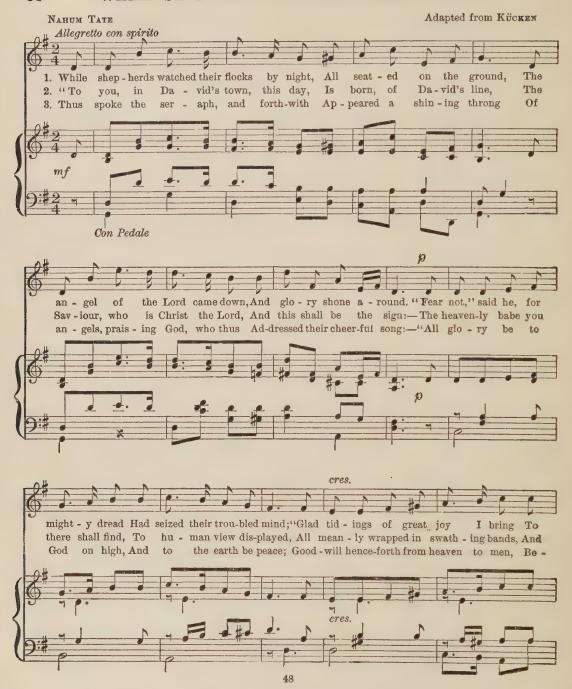
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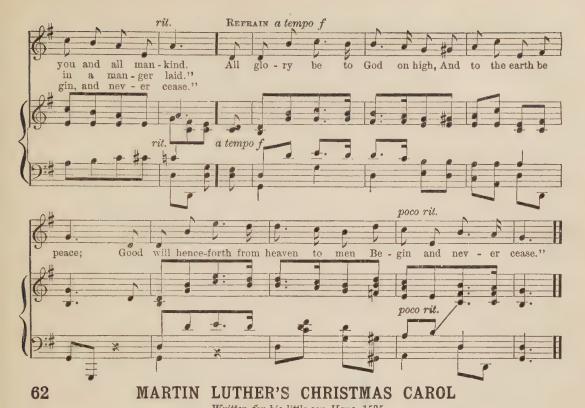




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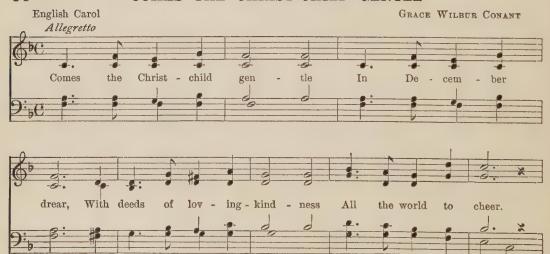






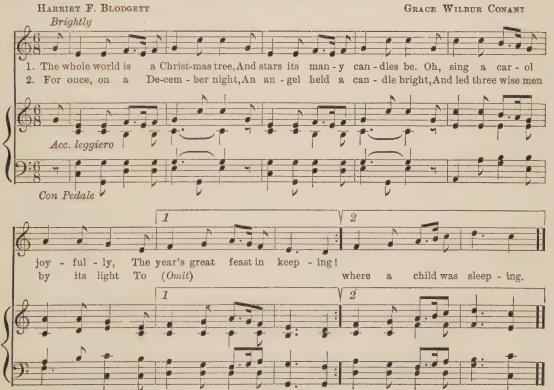


64 COMES THE CHRIST-CHILD GENTLE











MY COUNTRY'S FLAG

(NATIONAL HOLIDAY)



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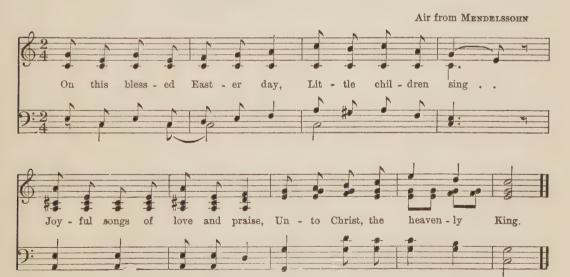








CHILDREN'S EASTER PRAISE





GOD IS LOVE



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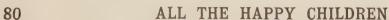






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THE KNIGHTS' MARCHING SONG

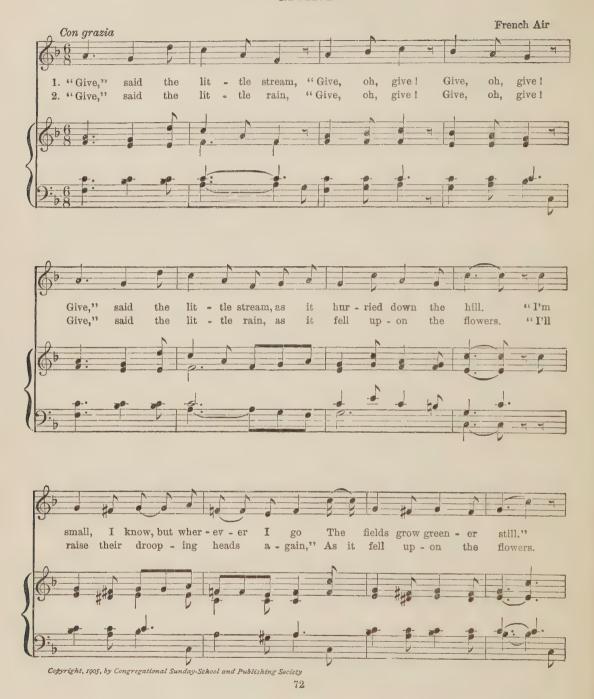




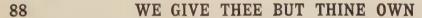
THE BETTER LAND













(After the offering has been taken up, let the children stop marching, standing quietly while they sing the prayer.)





DOWN THE RAIN COMES

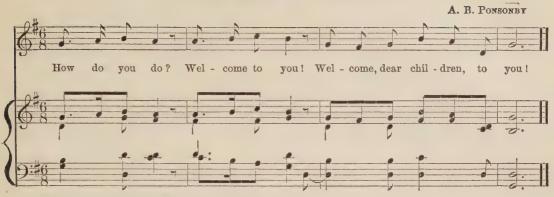
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GREETING AND FAREWELL SONGS





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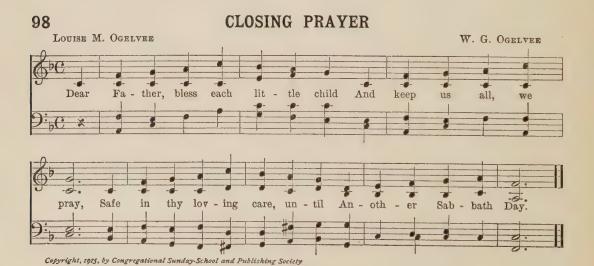


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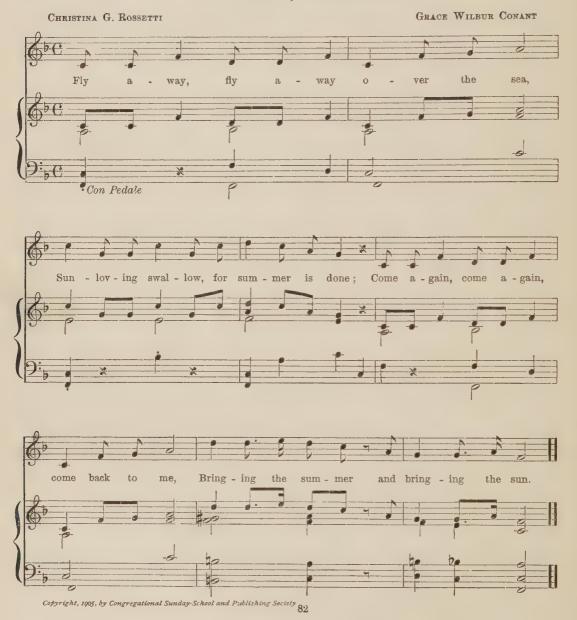




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FLY AWAY, SWALLOW









THE SQUIRREL



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HIDE-AND-SEEK

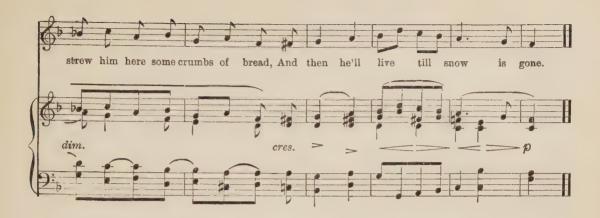




4 But comes the spring at last to look
For all her playmates hidden,
And one by one, flower, bird and brook,
Shall from its place be bidden.









WINTER HYMN







ROBIN REDBREAST







THE CHEERFUL SUNBEAM



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FLOWERS



- 3 Then he gives the pleasant weather,
 Sunshine warm and free,
 Making all things glad together,
 Kind to them and kind to me.
 Lovely flowers, he loveth you,
 And the little children too.
- 4 Though he cannot hear you singing
 Softly chiming lays,
 Surely God can see you bringing
 Silent songs of wordless praise;
 Hears your anthem, sweet and true,
 Hears the little children too.

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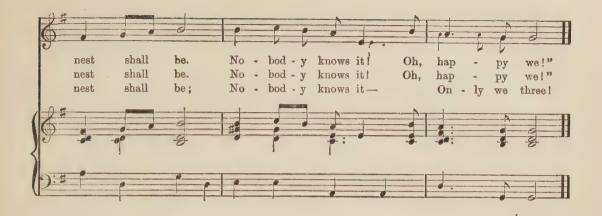


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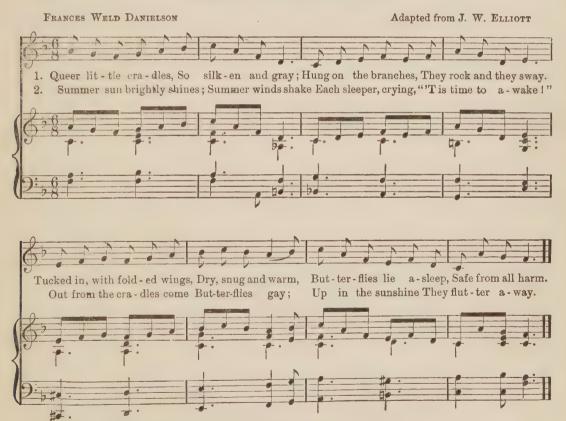
MARGARET SIDNEY

ALICE PITMAN WESLEY





QUEER LITTLE CRADLES



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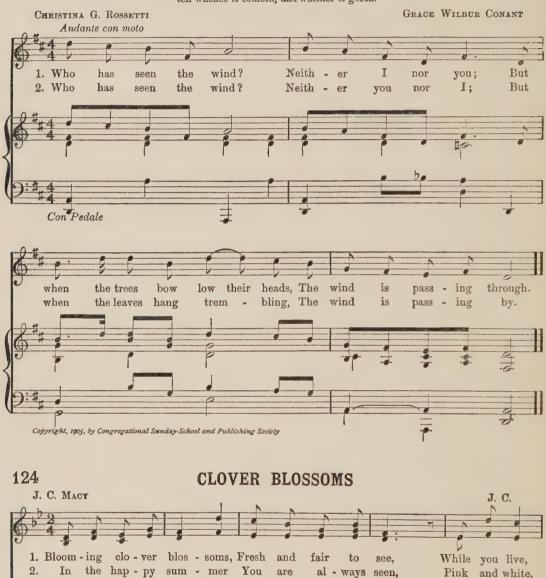
- 3 Hidden away under meadow grasses, Like a hint of the far, blue sky, If we look close we shall find a blossom Right at our feet, so quiet and shy; Quiet and shy, yet what were spring, Wanting the violet's offering?
- 4 Day by day the happy wild flowers Lift their heads to the sun's warm glow, Gratefully drink the cooling showers, Rocked by the winds, sway to and fro; Then as the night brings shadows deep, Drooping their little heads they sleep.



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THE WIND

"The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but caust not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth."



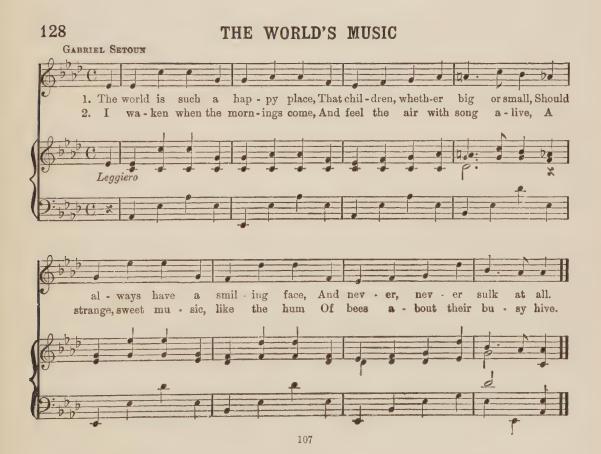
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- 4 In the dark blue sky you keep,
 Often through my curtains peep,
 For you never shut your eye,
 Till the sun is in the sky.
- 5 As your bright and shining spark Lights the trav'ler in the dark, Though I know not what you are, Twinkle, twinkle, little star.



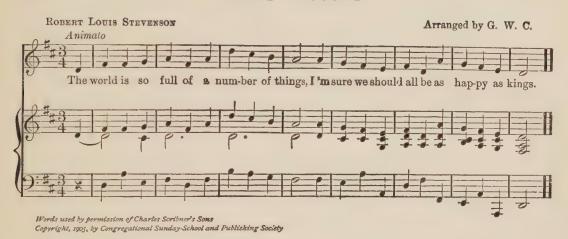


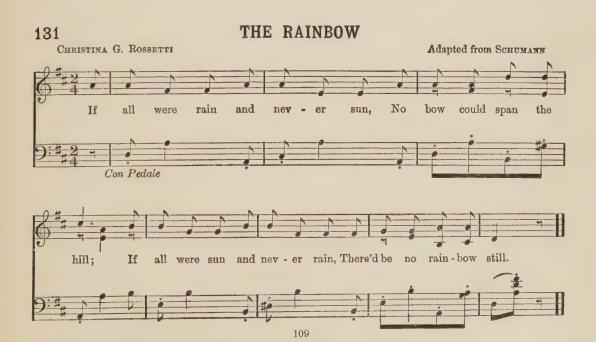
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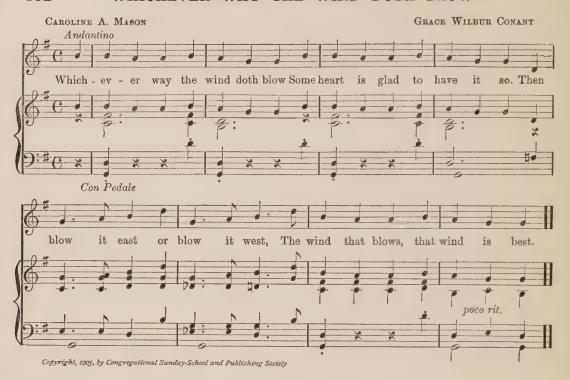
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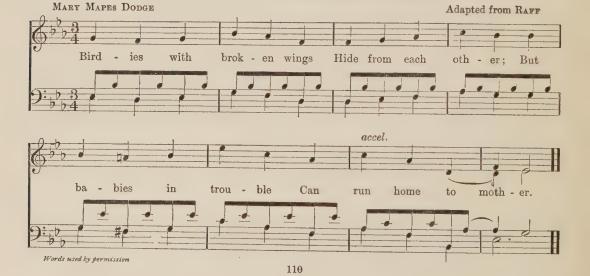
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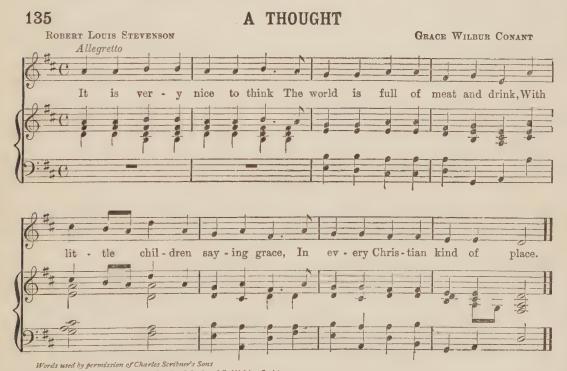
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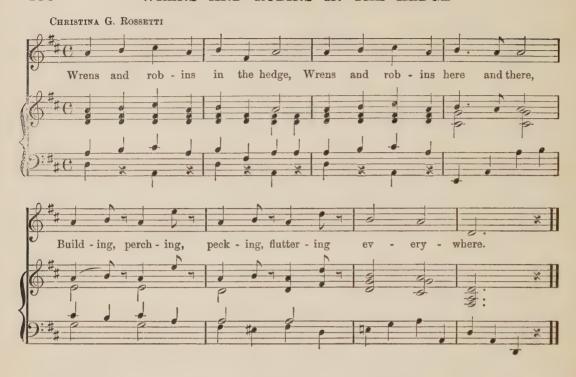
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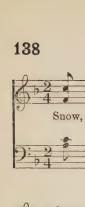
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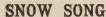


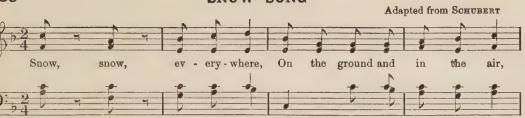
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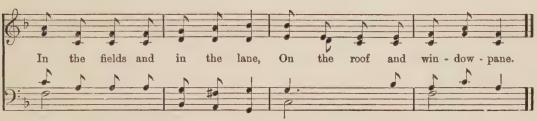
















VERSE BEFORE PRAYER

(Recite the following verse with motions to get into reverent mood for a prayer or prayer-hymn.)

"We fold our hands that we may be
From earthly play and work set free;
We bow our heads as we draw near
The King of kings, our Father dear;
We close our eyes, that we may see
Nothing to take our thoughts from thee."

LITTLE SONG OF THANKS

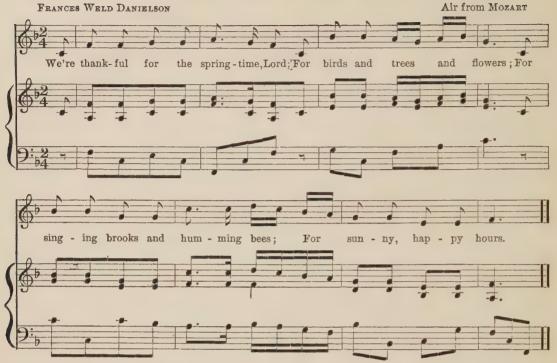


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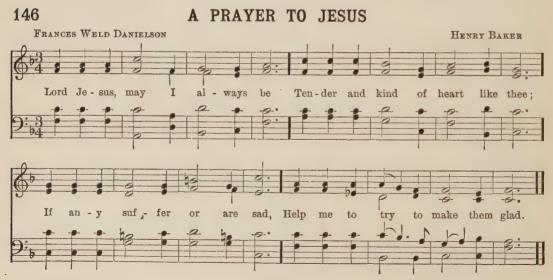


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A SPRINGTIME PRAYER



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OH, WHAT CAN LITTLE HANDS DO

(As the children sing the responses, they hold out hands, and point to lips, eyes, and hearts.)



- 3 Oh, what can little eyes do,

 To please the King of heaven?

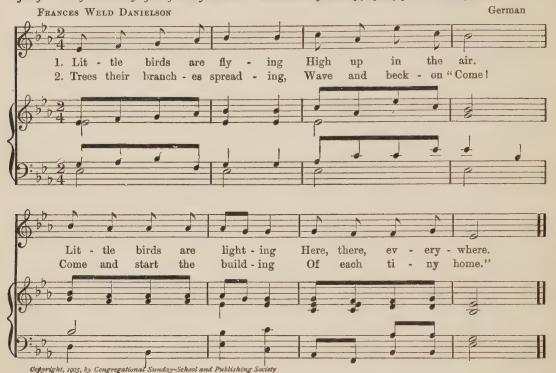
 The little eyes can upward look,

 And learn to read God's holy Book:

 Such grace to mine be given.
- 4 Oh, what can little hearts do,
 To please the King of heaven?
 Young hearts, if God his Spirit send,
 Can love and trust their Saviour-Friend:
 Such grace to mine be given.

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(Let the children stand and represent the flying birds by their fluttering fingers, which light gently upon heads and shoulders. The outstretched, swaying arms become the waving branches. Then the left hands form round nests, and the young ones are fed with the fingers of the right hands. Once more the fluttering fingers fly like birds, high above.)

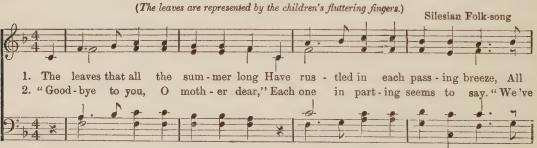


3 Birds their nests are weaving, Soft and snug and round; Soon to young ones giving Food that they have found.

4 Now the nests are empty,—
High up in the air
Baby birds are flying
Here, there, everywhere.

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AUTUMN LEAVES



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THE NEST

(Let the children join hands and form a circle to represent a hedge, two of the smallest being chosen for the eggs, and kneeling in the center. In the second verse they raise their heads and sing the "peeps," while all the children join in the last line.)



(The children stand in two rows. Two of the smallest walk between the rest, singing the first verse and calling out a few others to join them at the words "and you, and you." The children thus called full in behind the two rain-drops, and march about the room singing, adding to their number at each verse, and standing in a circle as they sing the last verse. Or, if the circle be a large one, the marching may all be done within it, the children twining about like a stream, and coming to a rest before their chairs, as they sing the last verse.)





Now steadily we flow along; a river wide are we;

No more to rest until, at last, the river joins the sea.

No longer weak, no longer small, our course we now pursue,—

And yet there 's room enough for all, for you, and you, and you, and you, And yet there 's room enough for all, for you, and you, and you.

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Dear rain-drops, you found out the way, and grateful all are we,
For stream and brook and river wide have reached the glorious sea.
And though at first you were so small, and we were very few,
Just look how great and strong we've grown, because we've followed you, and you,
Just look how great and strong we've grown, because we've followed you.

THE BIRDS' LULLABY

(Let the arms be extended to represent a cradle and swayed in time to the music.)



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(During first verse hold up right hand. As the fingers are mentioned in second verse, touch them, beginning with the thumb. Tuck the little finger into the palm of the hand and gently sway, softly humming over the last two measures.)



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THE WAKING OF THE FLOWERS

(A SPRINGTIME OR EASTER EXERCISE)

(Let children, in groups of four or nine, be arranged in solid squares, their heads bowed, representing flowers sleeping in garden beds, with spaces between for paths, while an older voice sings softly the opening words. After this, at the point in the music indicated by a star, a child impersonates the sunshine and strays along the paths, lightly touching the little bowed heads, which rise, here one, there another, till all the garden beds are filled with bright flowers, which lift their sweet faces and sing their hymn of praise.)





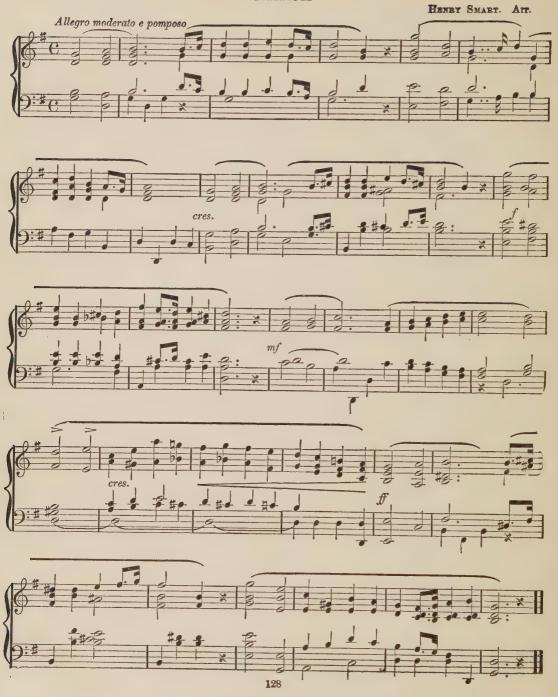
* This passage for piano, beginning with bar indicated by the star, should be played with constantly increasing animation till the reentrance of the voices.



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SUNDAY MORNING



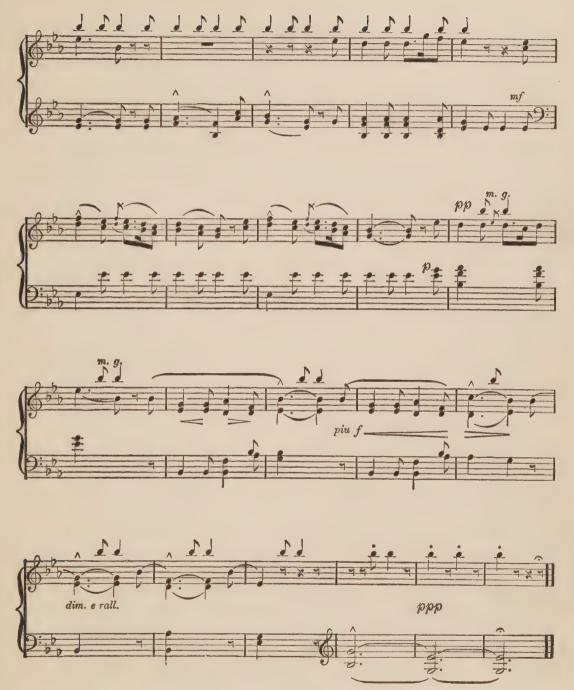
(Let the children stand, representing trees, the arms held out for branches, the fingers fluttering leaves. As the winds, indicated by the music, blow hard or lightly, so do the trees sway.)



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Rice as mine?

I wouldn't trade her for another

She's just fine!

Always smiling, always happy

Rain or shine

Cheeful, lowing thoughts she's bringing

and she's mine!





